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For : IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD APPARATUS AND STORAGE
 MEDIUM FOR RECOGNITION OF IRRADIATION AREA

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.114

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Sir:

Kindly enter the following Reply and Amendment in the above-identified application before continued examination on the merits. This Reply and Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in response to the Notice of Allowance and Notice of Allowability mailed on December 1, 2003.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 16 of this paper.